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Addendum

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## Chapter VII

## COORDINATION OF PROGRAMMES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL RESOURCES (Item 8)

1. The Committee considered item 8 of its agenda at its 7th meeting, on 1 April 1991. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on activities of the United Nations system in water, mineral and energy resources (E/C.7/1989/10).

2. During the discussion, delegations expressed their appreciation for the comprehensiveness and high quality of the information contained in the report. They took note, in particular, of the conclusions concerning the fact that the guidelines adopted by the Committee at its second session were in accord with the guidelines adopted by the Mar del Plata Action Plan, 1/ the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, 2/ and the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy. 3/ It was also noted that the rational management and the proper and effective utilization of natural resources were closely linked to the preservation and enhancement of the environment and that the Committee, in light of its priorities, had an important role to play in promoting international cooperation towards that objective. Intensified cooperation and assistance at the international level were also necessary in support of the developing countries' own efforts to create a favourable internal environment that would enable them to maintain, conserve and develop their natural resources.

3. One delegation stated that the Committee should take a more active stand in the preparatory process of the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. Another delegation called for the strengthening of the programme-coordination function of the Committee.

## Notes

1/ Report of the United Nations Water Conference, 14-25 March 1977 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), chap. I.

2/ See General Assembly resolution 35/18.

3/ Report of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, 10-21 August 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.I.24), chap. I, sect. A.

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